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**Continuation of box 3:** The amendments filed on August 14, 2008 presents new claim 11 which has the limitation, "wherein the rheumatoid arthritis is sporadic rheumatoid arthritis." These new limitations further limit the scope of the claims and thus require further search and consideration because the claims now require additional elements. The newly amended claims require, "wherein the rheumatoid arthritis is sporadic rheumatoid arthritis." This is a new limitation that has not previously been presented and thus would require a new search.

**Continuation of box 11:**

The request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons of record in view of the non-entry of the after final amendment.

Applicants remaining arguments refer to the amended claims and rely solely on the amendments. The applicant provided no further arguments not already considered. Since the arguments were not entered, the arguments are moot. Therefore the arguments drawn to the after final amendments have not been considered.

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on January 11, 2002. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Japanese application JP2002-005326 as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

### **Conclusions**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven C. Pohnert whose telephone number is 571-272-3803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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